



COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Joint Subcommittee for Health and Human Resources Oversight

Policy on Individual Participation in Meetings by Electronic Means under § 2.2-3708.2

It is the policy of the Joint Subcommittee for Health and Human Resources Oversight (Joint Subcommittee) that individual members of the Joint Subcommittee may participate in meetings of the Joint Subcommittee by electronic means including all discussions of public business matters that will be considered or voted on at the meeting.

Whenever an individual member wishes to participate from a remote location, the law requires a quorum of the Joint Subcommittee for Health and Human Resources Oversight to be physically assembled at the primary or central meeting location, and arrangements will be made for the voice of the remote participant to be heard by all persons at the primary or central meeting location. The reason that the member is unable to attend the meeting and the remote location from which the member participates will be recorded in the official record.

When such individual participation is due to a personal matter, such participation is limited by law to two meetings of the public body per member each calendar year.

Individual participation from a remote location shall be approved unless such participation would violate this policy or the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. If a member's participation from a remote location is challenged, then the Joint Subcommittee shall vote whether to allow such participation. If the Joint Subcommittee votes to disapprove of the member's participation because such participation would violate this policy, such disapproval will be recorded in the official record with specificity.